

21 April 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: GSA Project Manager

FROM:

Chief, New Building Project Office, OL

SUBJECT: Soil Erosion and Sediment Control

1. On 2 April 1987, the Agency Inspector General (IG) advised me that he had received a telephone call from one of our site security monitors regarding soil erosion and sediment control on our New Headquarters Building (NHB) site. Specifically, the security monitor alleged that there is inadequate control of sediment flowing from the site into the Chesapeake Bay via the Potomac River. On 3 April, I discussed the matter with you and asked for the following information:

- a. Federal, State, and/or local laws/regulations that apply to our construction site,
- b. Applicable requirements contained in our contract with the prime contractor, CENTEX,
- c. Actions taken by the contractor to meet contract requirements, and
- d. Additional actions, if any, required to meet the requirements.

2. As of 20 April, I had not received a satisfactory response to my request for information. My impression from three discussions with you relating to this matter is that while you are not fully aware of what the Federal, State, and/or local requirements are, you believe that CENTEX is not in compliance with contract requirements. Since I was contacted by the IG, I have noted the presence of soil erosion and sediment control measures on other construction sites (the Rt. 123 offsite road work and on I-495 in Montgomery County) and the lack of substantial measures on our site. Clearly, we must take aggressive action to ensure compliance with the spirit of applicable laws/regulations. And, I personally must respond to the allegations of the security monitor and, if appropriate, demonstrate that required corrective action has been/is being taken.

3. In this regard, I need a definitive response to the issues listed in paragraph 1, above. I would prefer to handle this issue internally; i.e., within the Agency, GSA, and CENTEX. However, if necessary, I am


prepared to request assistance from appropriate Federal, Fairfax County, and/or State of Virginia officials to determine what we should be and what we are doing with respect to soil erosion and sediment control. Please increase your efforts in this regard so that you can provide me the information I require, in writing, by COB 28 April 1987.

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